

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for retrieving financial information from a financial data storage system, comprising:

an application interface configured to return requested detail information to an application program by accessing detail interface information in a data mart that stores the detail interface information for a plurality of detail interfaces, and to instantiate and invoke a detail interface based on the detail interface information to obtain the requested detail information.

2. The system of claim 1 and further comprising the detail interface operable to retrieve requested detail information from the financial data storage system.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the application interface is configured to retrieve financial data from a financial system or general ledger system using the data mart.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the application program is a reporting program configured to retrieve data to generate financial or account detail reports.

5. The system of claim 2 wherein the application interface is configured to retrieve transaction data for an account entry in the application through the detail interface identified by the detail interface information.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the data mart includes a data field to store the detail interface information.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein the application interface is configured to receive an activation from a drilldown viewer in the application program.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein the detail information comprises detailed transaction data.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein the application interface is configured to receive a selected account entry for which to retrieve the detail transaction data.

10. A method of displaying financial data stored in one of a plurality of financial data storage systems, comprising:

receiving a detail information request from
an application;

retrieving detail interface information
from a data mart;

instantiating a detail interface identified by the detail interface information; retrieving the detail information requested from one of the financial data storage systems through the instantiated detail interface; and returning the detail information to the application.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the financial data storage system comprises a general ledger system and retrieving the detail information comprises retrieving data from the general ledger system.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein retrieving the detail information comprises:
receiving identity information indicative of the requested detail information from the application.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein retrieving the detail information comprises:
invoking the detail interface using the identity information to retrieve the requested detail information.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the detail identity information comprises selected account information.

15. The method of claim 10 wherein receiving a detail information request comprises:

receiving an input from a drilldown viewer of an application program.

16. A drilldown system used by an application program on a computer readable medium having a drilldown feature activatable to display transaction data from an open business system, comprising:

a drilldown interface to a data mart that stores detail interface information identifying a detail interface used to obtain detail information from the open business system.

17. The drilldown system of claim 16 wherein the drilldown interface is configured to instantiate the detail interface based on the interface information.

18. The drilldown system of claim 17 wherein the drilldown interface is configured to invoke the detail interface to retrieve detail information.

19. The drilldown system of claim 18 wherein the detail information comprises detailed transaction data supporting a line item in a report displayed by the application program.